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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Colonel White

1. This morning I conferred with

SUBJECT

Conference With Classification & Wage Division Relative to Up-Grading of Position of Secretary-

Steno to Chief, PAPS

Chief, 25X1A

Overt Branch, C&WD, Office of Personnel, in connection with the job audit they have been doing on the position in PAPS soon to be vacated by

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tells me that 25X1A 2. The way things stand at the moment, tells me that their audit does not disclose any reason for them to reclassify the position at the GS-7 level. As you know, it is now a GS-6. There seems to be a present precedent for assuming that secretaries to division and staff chiefs shall be at the GS-6 level, where justified. I know this has been an ironclad rule in the Office of Personnel within the past year.

3. The complicating factor here seems to be the so-called business of "grade attraction" in case. The job whose 25X1A is discharging is established, I understand, at the 25X1/ duties GS-15 level, for which C&WD believes a GS-6 secretary is appropriate. Therefore, it is within this frame of reference that Classification is working, apparently feeling that they could not justify a GS-7. unless it was a corollary to re-establishing the position of Chief, PAPS as a supergrade.

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4. In their informal presentation of results of this job audit. has made a comparison between this position of 25X1A and that of the GS-7 secretary to Chief, Commercial Division - one that substantiates their findings there as to grade on the grounds that the job more nearly approximates that of administrative assistant, while this administrative ingredient seems lacking in 25X1A position.

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5. also mentioned that in correcting and 25X1A signing off on the required statement of duties and responsibilities for the position in question, "considerably weakened his own case" by the deletion of certain adjectival phrases supplied by C&WD, sll of which tended to distinguish this position from others like it in the Agency.

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6. Although visit was "informal." it is clear that C&WD plans to write a formal statement to the effect that they will not accede to an up-grading in this case, as things stand at the moment.

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7. Recommendation: Unless you desire to make other arrangements directly with the Assistant Director for Personnel, it seems to me that, if you desire to support the requested grade with 25X1A in order to avoid a head-on conflict with Personnel and the people in Classification, you might consider transferring the position from PAPS to the immediate office of the DD/A, at the same time making it "personal secretary to the Special Assistant to the DD/A," at which point I think the difficulty might equitably be resolved.



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